

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listing Of Claims

Claims 1-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Withdrawn) A method of treating water in a pond to reduce the nutrient level and reduce the particulate matter level in the water which comprises the steps of;

providing a pond;

providing a wetlands zone associated with the pond which includes nutrient level reducing vegetation, facultative bacteria, substrate material for the bacteria, and a treatment apparatus which includes a stack and a disbursing module with a plurality of exit apertures;

receiving water to be treated in the module;

causing water to be treated to flow through the module so as to cause particulate matter to deposit from the water into the module whereby particulate and sediment matter within the water separates from the water;

causing water to exit the exit apertures and flow through the substrate and be exposed to the nutrient level reducing vegetation and bacteria;

causing water which has been treated to exit the wetlands zone and flow to the pond;

whereby, the nutrient level and particulate level of the water exiting the wetlands zone pond is less than the water entering the wetlands zone and the clarity of water is increased.

16. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 15 wherein water within the module is at a substantially lower pressure and velocity as compared to the pressure and velocity of water received by the module.

17. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 15 wherein there is provided a conduit connected to the module for directing water to the module and wherein the volume of water flow in the conduit and the disbursing module is substantially similar but both the water pressure and the water velocity in the module is substantially less than in the conduit.

18. (Previously Presented) A water treatment apparatus for treating pond water and constructed to be positioned in a wetlands zone having a bottom and a top surface, the treatment apparatus including;

a hollow cylindrical stack formation to be supported on the wetlands zone bottom and extend through the top surface and said stack having at least one coupling formation; and

at least one (1) elongated disbursing module having a bottom, an arcuate upper surface constructed joined to the bottom and constructed to define a plurality of water exit apertures, an inlet end for receiving water and an outlet end constructed to engage to the stack coupling formation, said module constructed to be positioned on the wetlands zone bottom.

19. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as in claim 18 wherein the disbursing module bottom is substantially flat.

20. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as in claim 18 wherein a conduit is provided to the inlet end and the module is substantially larger than the inlet end.

21. (Withdrawn) An apparatus for the collection and distribution of water comprising,

an elongated, cylindrically-shaped and horizontally-positioned module through which water can flow, having a bottom portion, an upper portion which defines a plurality of flow apertures, and said module having a pair of ends, with a fluid coupling construction at one end, and

an elongated, cylindrically-shaped and vertically-positioned stack, said stack having a base portion and a body portion, said base portion having a fluid coupling construction and adapted to engage the fluid coupling construction on the module so as to form a fluid coupling assembly for the flow of water between the module and the stack, and said body portion of said stack constructed to extend vertically upwardly from the base portion, so that water can flow between the module and the stack through the fluid coupling assembly.

22. (Withdrawn) An apparatus as in claim 21 wherein each fluid coupling construction includes a tubularly-shaped member and said members are constructed to interfit with each other so as to form the fluid coupling assembly.

23. (Withdrawn) An apparatus as in claim 22 wherein the stack and the module form a unit having an L-like shape.

24. **(Withdrawn)** An apparatus as in claim 22 wherein the upper portion of the horizontally-positionable member is arcuately shaped.

25. **(Withdrawn)** An apparatus as in claim 24 wherein, in cross section, the height of the horizontally-positioned module is about 10 inches and the width of the module is about 12 inches.

26. **(Withdrawn)** An apparatus as in claim 21 wherein said module includes a second fluid coupling construction at the other end of the module; and

there is further provided at least one additional elongated cylindrically-shaped and horizontally-positionable module, having a pair of ends and a fluid coupling construction at at least one end.

27. **(Withdrawn)** An apparatus as in claim 26 wherein said base further includes at least one additional fluid coupling construction for coupling to a module's fluid construction coupling construction.

28. **(Withdrawn)** An apparatus as in claim 27 wherein each module coupling construction is adapted to engage one of (a) another module fluid coupling construction and (b) a base fluid coupling constructions.

29. **(Withdrawn)** An apparatus as in claim 21 wherein the flow-rate through the module apertures is about the same as the flow rate between the base and module fluid coupling construction.

30. **(Withdrawn)** An apparatus as in claim 21 wherein the water flow rate capacity of such module is at least 3600 gallons per minute.

31. **(Withdrawn)** An apparatus as in claim 21 wherein there is further provided a pump for causing water flow between said stack and said module.